Homework assignment #4: Syntax trees

Due **Tuesday, November 7**

Please submit your assignment on paper (use a separate sheet!) at the beginning of class. HW assignments may be handwritten or typed. If you know a generative syntax model from other coursework (LING 101, LING 201, LING 530), you may choose to use that model in place of the version from class, but anyone may use the version from class.

(1)   Draw syntax trees for the following sentences. You only need to show the completed tree. For these particular sentences, it is safe to use your intuitions about *constituent structure* (which words combine into phrases) in the English translations in order to make assumptions about the Japanese sentences.

   (a) Ken-ga   odot-ta.
       Ken-NOM   dance-PST   'Ken danced.'

   (b) Ken-ga   ano   keeki-o   yai-ta.
       Ken-NOM   that   cake-ACC   bake-PST   'Ken baked that cake.'

   (c) Ano   keeki-ga   oisi-katta.
       that   cake-NOM   delicious-PST   'That cake was delicious.'

(2)   Consider the following sentence. Give a plausible translation into English (more than one may be possible; you only need to give one). Then draw a syntax tree for the sentence that is compatible with the meaning you chose for your translation.

       Warat-ta   to omo-u.
       laugh-PST   C   think-NPST